

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PARTICIPATION OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES AND OBCS ORGANISATION IN MANAGEMENT .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether other backward classes railway employees unions have any participation at board, regional and divisional levels in the management of railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor in view of the fact that other welfare associations like I.R.P.O.F. and F.R.O.A and All India Railway Security Force Association etc. have been involved in the management;
- (d) whether the railway administration have formulated any transfer policy in respect of the elected representation of these welfare organisations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the manner in which it differs with the transfer policy for trade union representative and the reasons for this difference?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) No, Sir.

(b)&(e) Don't arise.

(c) A group called 'Participation of Railway Employees in Management(PREM)' was constituted as a forum for discussing policy issues concerning Railways, which are relevant to all sections of employees, such as Earnings, Economy in expenditure, Safety and Other organisational matters. IRPOF, FROA and AIRPFA, besides AIRF and NFIR, are the constituents of PREM group. The principle behind this arrangement is to include representatives from certain selected segments of Railwaymen in the discussions for formulation of future policies of the Railways while the OBC Association is a welfare Association to look after the interests of specific sections of employees and thus cannot be equated to the Staff Federations.

(d) No, Sir. The normal rules for transfers apply to elected representatives of these organisations too.